

## WAR OFFICIALLY REPORTED.

## GERMAN STATEMENT.

BERLIN, December 20, via London, 3:55 p.m.

Western theater: Fire from our coastal batteries drove off enemy monitors which shelled Westende yesterday. On this front there was lively artillery activity and also successful mining operations by our troops.

One of our air squadrons attacked Poperinghe, where numerous troops of the enemy are gathering.

An English biplane was shot down in an aerial fight near Bruges. The occupants of the machine were killed.

Eastern theater: The situation is unchanged.

Balkan theater: In the fighting north of Tara, previously reported, three mountain and two field guns were captured.

Near Mokra fighting continued successfully for the Austro-Hungarian troops. Several hundred prisoners were brought in.

There is nothing to report as regards the German and Bulgarian army corps.

## FRENCH STATEMENT.

PARIS, December 20, 2:40 p.m.

In the Artois district there has been fighting with hand grenades at a point to the north of Berne-en-Hache. Between the Somme and the Oise the artillery has been active. In the region of Fay we have silenced a battery of the enemy at a point near Ste. Leodegare, to the south of Moulins-Touvent.

On the north bank of the River Aisne we yesterday evacuated the small outpost that a surprise attack brought into our possession December 15. This position is to the southeast of the half section of troops which occupied it returned to our lines.

In the Wever district, at the forests of Mort Mare and Le Pretre, French batteries on several different occasions directed an enormous fire against the communicating trenches of the enemy. There has been also cannonading, in which both sides took part, in the sectors of Nomeny and of Bioncourt, in Lorraine.

## RUSSIAN STATEMENT.

PETROGRAD, December 19, via London, December 20:

Western (Russian) front: North of Lake Masadun an enemy column which imprudently got within range of our artillery fire was dispersed with great loss.

Friday night about to elapse the enemy twice opened an offensive against the railway station at Grodno, which was repulsed by our fire.

Caucasus front: The chiefs of the Kurdish villages in the neighborhood of Soudjoubag have submitted.

In Persia, near the village of Kouchek, between the Russian and British troops, we repulsed an offensive by considerable enemy forces.

## ITALIAN STATEMENT.

ROME, December 19, via London, December 20:

Despite the fact that stormy weather—snow on the mountains and rain and fog on the plains—is hampering our

## AUSTRIAN STATEMENT.

VIENNA, December 19, via London, December 20:

Russian theater: Beyond local artillery actions there is nothing to report.

Italian theater: On the northern slopes of Monte San Michele the Italians delivered infantry attacks which were repulsed. The situation is unchanged.

Southeastern theater: The fighting in Montenegro continues to take a favorable course. Yesterday about 800 Montenegrin prisoners were brought in.

## TURKISH STATEMENT.

CONSTANTINOPLE, via London, December 20:

Local front: Local fighting is developing in our front near the city of Amara. Dardanelles front: Near Ahafarta and Ari Burnu there have been artillery duels, and bomb encounters near Seddul Bahr. The enemy, as usual, fired a great number of bombs and aerial torpedoes against our trenches in the center of our left wing. Our artillery replied. One cruiser and one monitor unsuccessfully bombarded our positions from several directions.

## GERMAN STATEMENT.

BERLIN, December 19, via London, December 20:

Western theater: Nothing of importance took place. During the night Metz again was attacked by enemy aviators. Damage to property was the only result.

Eastern theater: Small Russian detachments advancing against our positions in the Carpathians were repulsed.

Balkan theater: Near Mokra and Bielepolle about 750 Serbians and Montenegrins have been taken prisoners.

## BRITISH STATEMENT.

LONDON, December 20 (statement dated December 19):

Early this morning the enemy disclosed his intentions against our line to the northeast of Ypres, accompanied by a heavy bombardment. Except at a few places, where they were driven back before reaching our lines, they were prevented from leaving their trenches by our fire. Our protective measures against gas proved effective, and our line is everywhere intact.

Except for artillery activity on both sides, there has been no further development during the day. The hostile artillery kept up an unusually active fire against our lines, and also against our trenches west and south of Messines. The enemy blew up two mines in front of our trenches east of Armentieres early this morning. Hostile infantry attempted to occupy the craters, but were driven off by our rifle fire.

On the rest of the front there is nothing important to report. An enemy aeroplane was brought down by our fire today east of Armentieres.

## PRIESTS ARE REMEMBERED.

Will of Rev. John Spensley of Catholic University Filed.

The will of Rev. John Spensley of the Catholic University of America, dated December 1, 1915, was filed today for probate. He leaves the furniture of his office suite at Gibbons hall to the university and gives his books to the library of the Sisters' College. He directs that \$100 be given to Mrs. Mary McPherson, a sister of his late wife, and that the balance of his estate be given to the Catholic University of America.

Rev. Dr. McCormick is given an automobile. Katherine G. Morton of Philadelphia is given in trust a large Madonna and a picture of the Virgin Mary. Among the clergymen remembered with keepakes are Fathers George, McVay, Kelly, Quinn, Tierney and Turner of the university faculty.

Rev. James A. Geary is named as executor. Father Spensley died December 5.

## BALTIMORE LAWYER DIES.

Arthur W. Machen, Native of Washington, Heart Disease Victim.

Arthur W. Machen, a native of Washington, but for more than half a century a resident of Baltimore, died at his home in that city, 217 West Monument street, yesterday afternoon. His death was sudden, being due to heart disease, with which he was stricken just after his return from church.

Mr. Machen was born in Washington in 1847. He was graduated from Harvard Law School in 1871, settling in Baltimore in 1872. There he achieved success as a lawyer. In 1880 he was appointed as a judge of the superior court, but after a delay of a few days declined the position, preferring to practice law.

He was a lover of good books. His study of literature included works in French, Latin and Greek in which languages he kept up his reading until the time of his death.

He was present at the inauguration of President Wilson. He had been present at the inauguration of William Henry Harrison in 1841 and desired to see the ceremonies attendant upon the swearing in of a chief executive so many years later.

## DEDICATION PROGRAM.

Menorah Society of G. W. U. to Hold Exercises This Evening.

Exercises marking the dedication of the George Washington University Menorah Society, an organization for the study and promotion of Jewish culture and ideals, are to be held this evening in the assembly hall of the arts and science building of the university, 2623 G street northwest. Henry Hurwitz, chancellor of the Intercollegiate Menorah Association, of which the new body hopes soon to become the local chapter, will speak on the objects of the Menorah movement. Dean Wilbur of Columbian College is to speak on behalf of the university.

Other speakers are to be Rev. Dr. Abram Simon and Julius Peyer, Lewis K. Ellenbogen, president of the society, is to read a poem entitled "Menorah," and Sol Gluck is to recite "The Wandering Jew."

Isaac Cartwright, Aged 110, Dies.

Isaac Cartwright, colored, said to be the oldest resident in Washington, died Saturday at his home, 73 L street northwest, at the age of 110 years. He was born in Alexandria, Va., and was in the household of David Roach, contractor of that place.

Five Bank Directors Convicted.

BOSTON, December 20.—Five directors of the National City Bank of Cambridge, which was wrecked in 1909 by George M. Coleman, a bookkeeper, have been found guilty of negligence. The directors will recover approximately \$25,000.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take LAXATIVE BROWN OILY TABLETS. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. R. W. BROWN's signature is on each box. 25c and 50c.

## GIVE BOOKS

And for once you can enjoy your Christmas shopping—this year especially, for fine books are much less expensive than other fine gifts. There is nothing more complimentary you can give than a book. All the new books at Book Store—Second Floor.

## There Is Real Joy and Pleasure in Christmas Shopping Here

Christmas shopping becomes a burden and a worry only to those who make it so. There is no reason for it, and no excuse can be given that will justify it.

Christmas shopping should conform to the spirit of the season—happiness in your ability to give, thoughtfulness, good cheer, good will. The spirit that animates Christmas should be the reigning one in shopping.

Those who wish to shop with the greatest comfort and ease, and with the knowledge that everything is well chosen and fine quality, will not overlook this store's advantages and the prestige it has gained through quality and unequalled service.

Here may be found practically everything that is givable, from inexpensive handkerchiefs to the finest jewelry, from small novelties to exclusive elegancies, from small practical things to beautiful cut glass and porcelain. There is the proper answer for every gift requirement in our stocks.

One may choose gifts here of the finest quality and the most expensive grade, but the wealth of attractive gifts at moderate prices will never be realized except by inspection.

Sale of Hand-Embroidered Waist Patterns, \$1.00 Each—Were \$1.50.

These patterns are made of a good quality batiste, and in a wide range of designs. They consist of an embroidered front with collar and cuffs to match, and enough plain material to complete the garment. Can be fashioned into slip-on corset covers.

Specialty priced at \$1.00 each, and very suitable for Christmas gifts.

On sale in Lace Department, Main floor, F street.

Breakfast Calls and Dinner Chimes.

The most beautiful and perfectly toned Calls and Dinner Chimes ever produced—and those who cannot read notes can easily play them, as the keys are numbered.

In fumed oak and dull mahogany finish, three to five keys.

\$8.00 to \$12.50 each.

This offer will expire in a few days:

"Delineator" at 75c For 1 Year's Subscription.

You can get this most popular fashion magazine at less than half the usual price, for a few days more.

We cannot accept subscriptions by mail nor for out-of-town addresses at this special price of 75c the year.

Pattern Department, Main and Second floors.

## CORSAGE BOUQUETS

In the Millinery Department.

For the girl or woman who likes flowers on her costume always, one of these Corsage Bouquets, single flowers or boutonnières would be a most acceptable Christmas remembrance.

A new bouquet for afternoon and evening wear consists of a beautiful bunch of assorted blooms with foliage that has spray hanging below the waist line. There are roses, orchids, lilies of the valley, pansies, pink camellias and bunches of roses. The color and the bloom you prefer.

Very natural and beautiful artificial flowers, lacking only the sweet perfume of the fresh ones from the florist or conservatory.

Priced from 50c to \$4.00.

Third floor, F street.

## BEAUTIFUL OSTRICH PLUMES,

Special price, \$1.50. Less Than Half Regular Worth.

We have in former seasons sold plumes no better than these at \$5.00, so you can judge the quality and the worth of this offering.

Description—Full, supple Plumage, 15 inches in length, with beautiful curved heads; the best plumage of male birds.

Colors—Black, white, natural, pink, rose, old blue, dark blue and purple.

Each plume is boxed ready for presentation.

Third floor, F street.

## NICKEL-FRAME CASSEROLES,

Special Price, \$1.50 Each.

The frame of this Casserole is of Fine Brass, heavily nickel-plated so that it will not rust; in handsome open-work patterns, with graceful handle on each side and soldered feet.

The inset is of the splendid brown-and-white earthenware—7-inch size.

A MOST ATTRACTIVE GIFT ITEM, AND A BEAUTIFUL ONE.

Fifth floor, G street.

## Woodward &amp; Lothrop

New York—WASHINGTON—Paris.

## Beautiful Christmas Blouses for Every Woman

Are being displayed in the greatest profusion. Styles for dress wear with the finest and most elaborate suits, semi-dress styles, tailored styles. Plain colors, combinations and two-toned effects. A gift blouse selected here is assured of the newest style and utmost refinement and becomingness.

## THE BEAUTIFUL DRESS BLOUSES—

Spanish and Chantilly Laces, in the lovely cobbly textures and elegant patterns, trimmed with touches of color, and pointed cuffs, which hang prettily over the hand, \$14.75; Lace and Chiffon Blouses, in ecru and silver, with vestee, \$3.50 to \$9.50; White Chiffon Blouses, embroidered in gold and blue, with lower bodice of black panne velvet and vestee of radium lace; collar and cuffs finished in old blue, \$18.75; Black Lace and Chiffon Blouses, made over white linings to reveal the modish two-tone effect, some with ecru or silver lace sleeves; plain or embroidered fronts; collar and vestee finished with lace, \$5.00 to \$17.50.

## PRETTY, NEW BLACK BLOUSES—

Of Georgette Crepe, combined with black taffeta and messaline, with long sleeves and convertible collars; others trimmed in lace or tucked and finished with buttons, \$5.00 to \$13.75; Mourning Waists of Japanese Silks, Messalines and Wash Silks in all the new styles, \$2.95 to \$6.75.

## DISTINCTIVE NOVELTY BLOUSES—

The new Garibaldi Blouse of messaline, in the daring Italian red, with a high soldierly collar, finished with black tie and silver buttons, \$6.75; Striped and Plaid Silk Blouses, in black-and-white, blue-and-white, lavender-and-white and rose-and-white, \$3.50 to \$5.75.

Third floor, G street.

## SEMI-DRESS AND TAILORED BLOUSES—

Chiffon Blouses in all the new suit shades, with vestee of Georgette crepe and cream lace; long sleeves and convertible collars, \$5.00 to \$12.50; Georgette Crepe Blouses, in African brown, navy, gray, green and Copenhagen; long sleeves and convertible collar, \$5.75 to \$6.00; Georgette Crepe Blouses, combined with satin, in flesh and white, \$5.75; Pussy Willow Blouses, in flesh and white; tucked styles, \$5.00 to \$5.75; Georgette Crepe Blouses, daintily trimmed with lace, tucks, hand embroidery and beads, in maize, white and flesh, \$3.50 to \$8.75; Crepe de Chine Blouses in many beautiful styles, tucked, hand embroidered and plain styles, with many different collars and touches; in flesh, maize, white and black, \$2.95 to \$5.75.

## WASH BLOUSES—

Linen Blouses, tucked and plain, finished with large and pearl buttons, \$2.25 to \$5.00; Colored Linen Blouses, in maize, flesh and green; hand-embroidered, \$5.00; Batiste Blouses, hand-embroidered and tucked, convertible collars and long sleeves, \$2.95; Cotton Voile Blouses, some very dainty styles, \$2.25 to \$7.50; Organdy Blouses, trimmed with valenciennes laces and tucks, \$2.25 to \$5.75.

Third floor, G street.

## Christmas Gifts for Women and Girls.

Sweaters, Jackets, Vests, Shawls, Cap and Scarf Sets.

We invite special attention to the varied and beautiful styles, suggesting many desirable gifts, which may be chosen with entire suitability.

New London-shrunk Jersey Sweater Coats, with convertible collar, belt and sash back, in Copenhagen, rose, emerald green and white, \$7.95 to \$20.50.

Brushed Wool and Angora Sweaters, made with shawl or convertible collars, in all the new shades; sash and belted backs, \$5.00 to \$17.50.

Knitted Sweaters, very dainty, with roll collar and sash back, in combinations of Copenhagen and white, rose and white and emerald green and white, \$2.50 to \$10.00.

Knitted Sweaters in all the various styles and the fashionable color tones, \$5.00 to \$10.00.

Shetland Wool Sweaters, so soft and light that they can be easily worn under the coat, and will not crush the most delicate evening gowns; roll collar and sash back; lavender, rose and white, \$6.75 to \$10.00.

Angora Wool Cap and Scarf Sets, in orange, emerald, rose and Copenhagen, \$1.95 to \$2.95.

Third floor, G street.

## Two Beautiful New Evening Slippers

Evening Slippers were never shown in so many beautiful and distinctly new models—the fabrics are rich and handsome, either plain or show artistic combinations.

The "Wellesley," \$8.00.

Shown in cloth of gold and cloth of silver, with bevel edge hand-turn soles and French Louis heels, covered in the fabric.

The "Roman," \$8.00.

Of Black Satin, with three straps of gold kidskin, and gold-covered French Louis heels; Midnight Blue Kidskin, with three white calfskin straps, and white French Louis heels; White Calfskin, with straps of black patent calfskin and French Louis heels to match; French Bronze Kidskin, with gold straps and gold French Louis heels. All with square edge hand-turn soles.

Many other new designs in satin, cloth of gold, cloth of silver, black velvet-and-satin, Beaded Satin, Satin trimmed with beaded and jewel bows; Plain Satin, Bronze Kidskin, \$4.00 to \$8.00 pair.

Rhinestone and Cut Steel Slipper Buckles, many artistic and beautiful effects, 50c to \$1.50 pair.

Third floor, Tenth street.

## Every Girl and Woman Likes to Receive Aprons for Christmas.

Aprons can be given with splendid appropriateness to any feminine friend, whether a girl of 12 years or a grown woman, and they are decidedly fitting for maids and servants. There are many new modes in aprons this holiday season, pretty as can be, fresh and dainty in materials and trimmings. There are a hundred or more kinds to meet every possible preference. And even though they are so inexpensive you will find many kinds here that are not to be duplicated in other stocks.

## Maid's Aprons.

Choice of six styles. Made of White Lawn, with "V" and square bibs, tucked bibs and flaps and embroidered bibs, 25c.

Choice of ten styles. Materials are lawns and cambrics, with square and "V" bibs, scalloped, plain and embroidered trimmings, 25c.

Choice of five styles. Square and "V" shaped bibs, trimmed with hemstitching or scalloped, 75c.

Choice of ten styles. Fitted Maid's Aprons with square and "V" bibs, plain or embroidery trimmed, 50c.

Choice of fifteen styles. Fitted Maid's Aprons with square and "V" bibs, trimmed in embroidery, scalloped and hemstitching, 75c.

Choice of ten styles. Maid's Aprons, square and "V" bibs, trimmed with embroidery, scalloped, hemstitching and blind or open work embroidery. Inserting down side of apron, \$1.00.

## Maid's Collar and Cuff Sets.

Real dainty styles in Maid's Collar and Cuff Sets. These are in band or turn-over styles, in scallop edge and dotted swiss and embroidery edge, 25c set.

## Maid's Caps.

Most varied line of Maid's Caps, ruffled, with bows, some with lace edge and many fancy effects, at prices ranging 40c to 25c.

## Tea or Chafing Dish Aprons.

A myriad of pretty styles to choose from. These aprons are of ten styles. Made of fine lawn or dotted swiss, trimmed with embroidery, scalloped, scallop edge, some plain, many with pockets and ties. Very dainty and the prices range, 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00.

## Nurses' Aprons.

Nurses' Fitted and Gathered Aprons of lambic or lawn, with long straps that fasten at waist or button at the neck, 50c, 75c and \$1.00.

## Waist Aprons.

Choice of ten styles. Gathered and fitted; trimmed in tucks or embroidery edge, 25c.

Choice of twenty styles. Gathered and princess effects, some with embroidery trimming in skirt, 50c.

Choice of twelve styles. Princess and gathered effects, trimmed in embroidery, scalloped and edge, some with inserting down skirt and around bottom. Also of dotted swiss, 75c.

Choice of ten styles. These are fitted or gathered, effectively trimmed in embroidery or scalloped, 50c.

## Bungalow Aprons.

Two styles. Gingham Bungalow Aprons, button back and piped with plain collars, complete with pocket and belt, 35c.

Three styles. Bungalow Aprons open on side half way, kimono sleeves, and made of gingham with percale bib, trimmed in checked patterns, also plain colors, 35c.

Four styles. Bungalow Aprons of percale and gingham, some open all the way down front, others half way down; some gathered back with belt. Choice of checks, figures and plain colors, 75c.

Two styles. Bungalow Aprons, open front all the way down, of the gingham in stripes and checks, trimmed in plain color strapping, \$1.00.

Plain White Bungalow Aprons, open all the way down the front, with long sleeves, \$1.50.

## Gingham Bib Aprons.

Excellent quality Gingham Bib Aprons, with square bibs and round high bibs, gathered and plain styles, 25c, 35c, 50c and 75c.

## Gingham Waist Aprons.

Many different styles, all generously wide and with deep hems. Gathered and fitted waist aprons, with and without pockets, 25c and 50c.

## Cooking School Sets.

These cooking school sets consist of white lawn apron, sleeves and cap, in Dutch or gathered styles, 50c.

A very dainty Net Set, consisting of round or pointed apron, wide neck bib, trimmed in lace, and plain collar, cap and cuffs to match, at \$1.25 set.

Third floor, F street.

## CANDY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Candy that you give the children should not be of doubtful purity. Our candy is guaranteed; no impure ingredients and improper colorings. Packed in dainty white or fancy boxes; 11c half pound, 22c pound.

Fifth floor, Tenth street.

## The Prettiest New Raincoats Women Have Ever Had. THEY WILL MAKE USEFUL GIFTS.

Not only are they suitable for rainy weather wear, but for travel, and at all times when a light-weight wrap is wanted to protect the suit or costume. Never have we had such beautiful Raincoats, and such light-weight ones. Thoroughly waterproof, odorless and some so light in weight that they can be carried in the hand bag—only 1½ pounds.

Soft and beautiful materials—crepe de chimes, gabardines, silk rubberized balloon cloths, cashmere, cravenette and rubberized poplin, Scotch and Irish homespun; a decided novelty is the plain white coat with red or blue collar and cuffs. Very pretty and stylish models and colors.

Priced From \$5.00 to \$29.50.

Third floor, G street.

## For the Horseback Rider, One of the New Habits.

With the resumption of horseback riding smart habits will be demanded by woman devotees of this delightful and healthful sport. Absolutely the newest and choicest styles are here, some that cannot be duplicated elsewhere. They are an improvement in appearance and in service over the riding habits used heretofore.

Long Paddock Coats With Patented Seamless Breeches.

New Long Russian Flare Double-breasted Coats, with latest design in breeches.

New Semi-Norfolk Coats; also Suit with side-saddle skirt.

These are shown in English whippoor and meltons in oxford gray.

Prices, \$35.00, \$37.50 and \$45.00.

Divided Riding Skirts, in oxford worsted and brown corduroy, \$10.00.

Khaki Riding Skirts, divided style, \$4.00 and \$5.00 each.

Third floor, F street.

## Special Sale of Women's Trimmed Hats at \$5.00 for Choice.

They Have Been Selling From \$10 to \$12.50.

This is a most attractive assortment of Hats which we have placed on sale at \$5.00, and which were formerly priced at \$10.00 and \$12.50. Many different shapes and styles, small, medium and large. Black velvet predominates, but there are colors, and also plush and velour in black and colors.

Trimmed with feathers and flowers.

Third floor, F street.

## Fitted Bags and Suit Cases Are Gifts the Traveler Will Welcome.

Carry all of your wearing apparel and your personal toilet articles in the same bag or suit case, and have each thing in its own place—convenient and easy to reach. That's what any one can do when they have one of these Fitted Bags or Suit Cases as a traveling companion.

They are very handsome pieces of luggage, too; made of the best bowhide, seal and walrus leathers, in all the popular sizes.

Women's Fitted Handbags, \$12.50 to \$30.

Cowhide, Walrus and Seal leathers, handsomely made, hand-sewed throughout and leather lined; each toilet article fitted into a pocket; Parisian ivory or ebony. Sizes 13 to 16 inches.

Women's Fitted Suit Cases, \$20.00 to \$50.00.

Genuine Cowhide and Seal leathers in black and tan; hand-sewed throughout; 20, 22 and 24 inch sizes.

Fourth floor, center.

Men's Fitted Handbags, \$20.00 to \$22.50.

18-inch Black Cowhide Leather Bags of excellent quality; made over best frame, reinforced corners; well lined and fitted with attractive toilet articles.

Men's Fitted Suit Cases, \$16.50 to \$50.00.

Genuine Cowhide leather in 24 and 26 inch sizes; the finest quality throughout—frame and leather very securely fastened together.

## Exact Reproductions of Dresden China at One-Half the Price.

Dresden China is something that those who admire and appreciate the beautiful will always want. The wonderful deep and beautiful colorings, the quaint patterns and the fine surface and color of the china itself have been reproduced by a clever maker, faithful in every detail, at a fraction of the price of the genuine.

This china is so skillfully shaped, the lace open-work borders so perfectly molded and the pattern so beautiful that the fact that it is an imitation would not be known if we did not care to tell it.

Exactly like the Genuine Dresden in everything but price.

Footed Bonbon Dishes, 50c each; Footed Fruit Bowls, \$1.00 to \$2.25; Footed Cake Plates, \$1.35 and \$1.95; Nut or Fruit Bowls, 50c to \$1.50; Olive Dishes, 75c; Handled Bonbon Dishes, 75c; Oval Fruit Dishes, \$1.25 to \$1.50; Plates, 75c to \$1.50; Odd Cups and Saucers, \$1.25 each. Many shapes and sizes to select from.